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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/31/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-29 are pending.
2. Amendments filed 01/19/2005 and 03/01/2005 have been received and considered.

Specification

3. The objections to the specification have been withdrawn based on the filed amendments.

Claim Objections

4. The claim objections have been withdrawn based on the amendments filed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The rejections under 35 USC 103 have been withdrawn based on Applicant's arguments.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed 01/19/2005, with respect to the pending claims have been fully considered and are persuasive.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows:

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nelson A. Quintero on 03/31/2005.

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Amendments to the Specification

Amend the sentence beginning at page 4, line 5, to read as follows:

~~It followed that the encrypted channels 15 then encrypt each channel separatively~~ It follows that the encryption module 15 then separately encrypts each channel with a plurality of encryption units, which requires different means for decryption to strengthen the control over channels.

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Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (previously presented): A system for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture, comprising:

a server apparatus, comprising:

a data management module for storing a plurality of data sources;

a channel management module for differentiating said data sources into a plurality of channels;

a encryption module for generating a plurality of encrypted channels based on corresponding encryption methods according to said channels; and

a data-transferring module for transferring a data stream of said corresponding encrypted channel upon receiving requests of said channels; and

a client apparatus, comprising:

a channel-receiving module, represented as a window interface, comprising:

a data-receiving unit for making said request and receiving said data stream;

a channel differentiating unit for differentiating said data stream of said encrypted channels;

a data buffer unit for saving said encrypted channels;

a first interface unit for controlling said window interface over displaying said encrypted channels from said data buffer unit;

a first detection unit for detecting whether or not a designated icon is positioned on said window interface; and

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a decryption module represented as said designated icon, comprising:

a second interface unit for controlling the display of said designated icon;

a second detection unit for sending a decryption signal as said designated icon is positioned on said window interface;

a decryption unit for starting decrypting said encrypted channels upon receiving said decryption signal and generating corresponding decrypted channels, then displaying said decrypted channels on a decryption window provided by the designated icon.

Claim 2 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein said channel-receiving module is downloaded to said client apparatus via network.

Claim 3 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein said decryption module is downloaded to said client apparatus via network.

Claim 4 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein said decryption module is dragged and dropped onto the receiving module of said channels with input equipments.

Claim 5 (Original): The system of claim 4, wherein password authentication is available before dragging and dropping said decryption module.

Claim 6 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein content of said channel contains static texts, images or both.

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Claim 7 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein content of said channel contains animated texts, images or both.

Claim 8 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein content of said channel is audio.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A system for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture, comprising:

a server apparatus for transmitting said data, differentiating said data into a plurality of channels, said service apparatus comprising a ~~plurality of encryption unit which encrypts~~ a plurality of encryption units which encrypt said channels and generates a plurality of corresponding decryption units; and

a client apparatus for receiving said channels, comprising a channel-receiving unit for said channels, said client apparatus accessing a decryption unit, moving said decryption unit onto the top layer of said channel-receiving unit and starting said channel ~~decrypted~~ decryption.

Claim 10 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein said channel-receiving unit is a window interface.

Claim 11 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein said decryption unit can be a magnifier icon or other similar icons.

Claim 12 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein said channel-receiving module is downloaded to said client apparatus via network.

Claim 13 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein said decryption unit is downloaded to said client apparatus via network.

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 9, wherein said channel-receiving unit is downloaded to said client apparatus ~~from storage-medium~~ from a storage medium.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 9, wherein said decryption unit is downloaded to said client apparatus ~~from storage medium~~ from a storage medium.

Claim 16 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein said decryption unit is dragged and dropped onto the top layer of said channel-receiving unit with input equipments.

Claim 17 (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein password authentication is available before dragging and dropping the decryption module.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A system for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture, comprising:

a channel-receiving unit represented as a window interface for receiving encrypted data; and

a decryption unit represented ~~as a icon~~ as an icon for decryption and required to be moved onto the top layer of receiving unit of the channel to start said decryption.

Claim 19 (Original): The system of claim 18, wherein said decryption unit is dragged and dropped onto the top layer of said channel-receiving unit with a mouse or other input equipments.

Claim 20 (Original): The system of claim 19, wherein password authentication is available before dragging and dropping the decryption module.

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Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A system for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture and differentiating said data into a plurality of channels, comprising a service system for transmitting said channels, encrypting the channels separately and offering corresponding a plurality of decryption ~~unit~~ units for the use of decryption, wherein said decryption unit is represented as a icon and requires to be moved onto a window interface of said channel to start encryption, and said decryption unit temporarily stores and displays ~~said channels-decrypted~~ said decrypted channels.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A method for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture, comprising:

receiving and storing said data encrypted in a window interface;
moving a decryption icon of ~~said data-encrypted~~ said encrypted data onto top layer of said window interface; and
executing decryption and displaying ~~said data-decrypted~~ said decrypted data on a decrypted window provided by the designated icon.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 22, wherein said decryption icon can be a magnifier icon or other similar icons.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 22, wherein said decryption icon is dragged and dropped onto the top layer of said channel-receiving unit with input equipments.

Claim 25 (Original): The system of claim 24, wherein password authentication is available before dragging and dropping the decryption icon.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method for data encryption/decryption in a client-server architecture, comprising:

differentiating data of said server into a plurality of channels;

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encrypting a plurality of channels separately and generating corresponding decryption units and a plurality of encrypted channels;

transferring a data stream of said encrypted channels upon receiving a first request for said channels at said server;

making said first request and receiving said data stream at the client;

differentiating said data stream into said encrypted channels at the client;

moving a decryption unit onto said encrypted channels and generating ~~said channels decrypted~~ said decrypted channels at said client;

receiving ~~said channels decrypted~~ said decrypted channels at said decryption unit of said client.

Claim 27 (Original): The method of claim 26, wherein said decryption unit can be a magnifier icon or other similar icons.

Claim 28 (Original): The method of claim 26, wherein said decryption unit is dragged and dropped onto the top layer of said encrypted channel with input equipments.

Claim 29 (Original): The system of claim 28, wherein password authentication is available before dragging and dropping said decryption unit.

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Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-29 are allowed.

9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding the independent claims Applicant argues that combining the teaching of Wyard's drag and drop would destroy the automatic decryption of Payton and provides no motivation to use Wyard's drag and drop to perform the decryption of Payton. Applicant's arguments are persuasive and therefore the pending claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Salahshour et al (US 5577125), Ote et al (US 6023506), Hair (US 6615349) and Dynacrypt disclose a method for graphical encryption and decryption using drag and drop.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael

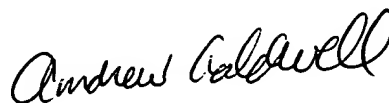
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Pyzocha whose telephone number is (571) 272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm first Fridays of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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